

Workshop on Modeling the Climate System at Ultra-High-Resolution

Resolving atmospheric storms, ocean sub-mesoscale eddies, rivers, and glaciers

3-7 October, NCAR, Boulder, Colorado

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Introduction

Ultra-high-resolution climate models at km-scale ('K-scale') are within our grasp and provide the potential for major advances in both climate science and its applications for societal needs. K-scale models are being developed at both regional and global scale across the world with the aim to develop fully integrated coupled modelling systems. Perhaps naturally, much of the effort so far has been divided by the spheres of the climate system, with significant activities in atmospheric, ocean, land, and ice modelling.

The main purpose of this workshop is to bring together modellers across all spheres to share progress and discuss the major challenges and opportunities in building kilometre-scale global and regional modelling systems. A particular goal of the workshop is to identify opportunities for joint experimentation and model analysis across regions and spheres.

To facilitate the exchange of ideas the workshop will include both invited and contributed presentations. Those will be complemented by a series of breakout group discussions around a common set of questions aimed at generating and sharing ideas on the practical pathways for future collaboration and research in coupled K-scale modelling.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Boulder.

Draft Agenda

Monday, 3 October

Moderator: Andreas Prein

0900-0915

Welcome and Logistics

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| 0915-0945 | ESMO, the Digital Earths Lighthouse activity and Workshop Goals | Christian Jakob, Andrew Gettelman, Cath Senior |
| 0945-1030 | Coupled k-scale modelling – Challenges and opportunities | Cathy Hohenegger |
| 1030-1100 | Coffee Break | |
| 1100-1145 | Progress and challenges on making regional climate change simulations at km-scale | Nikolina Ban |
| 1145-1230 | Progress and challenges on high resolution Atmospheric modelling with NICAM | Daisuke Takasuka |
| 1230-1330 | Lunch Moderator: Andrew Gettelman | |
| 1330-1415 | Contributed Talks (12+3 min each) | |
| | ECMWF Km-scale modelling effort for the development of a Digital Twin of the Earth | Benoit Vanniere |
| | Prototyping Convection-Permitting Global Weather and Sub-Seasonal Forecast with the NOAA Unified Forecast System | Fanglin Yang |

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| | Global large eddy simulations and their collaboration with detailed observations based on vertical atmospheric motions | Masaki Satoh |
| 1415-1430 | Breakout Sessions Introduction | Christian Jakob |
| 1430-1530 | Breakout Session 1 | |
| 1530-1600 | Coffee Break | |
| 1600-1730 | Contributed Talks (12+3 min each) | |
| | K-Scale Project: Exploiting a global-to-regional seamless modelling strategy in the UK to advance research and applications across timescales | Huw Lewis |
| | The Navy Earth System Prediction System: Version 2 Developments | William Crawford |
| | Very high resolution coupled climate modelling with unstructured ocean model | Nikolay Koldunov |
| | The emergence of the mesoscale in Global Storm Resolving Models | Pier Luigi Vidale |

Using ARM Observations to Evaluate Simulated Mid-Latitude and Tropical MCSs Across the Grayzone of Convection Andreas Prein

Mean-state GCM biases are a predictor of precipitation biases in dynamical downscaling Stefan Rahimi

1730-1900 **Icebreaker**

Tuesday, 4 October

Moderator: Andrew Gettelman

0900-0945 Towards the Predicted Ocean ---- Ideas from FIO models coupled with ocean surface waves Zhenya Song (Virtual)

0945-1030 Sea ice at the flow size scale: Is it time for new modelling approaches? Martin Losch (Virtual)

1030-1100 **Coffee Break**

1100-1145 Challenges of high resolution for land modelling Martin Best

1145-1230 **Contributed Talks (12+3 min each)**

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| | Ultra-high resolution atmosphere modeling in E3SM | Aaron Donahue |
| | Simulations With EarthWorks | David Randall |
| | K-Scale: Assessing the added value of explicitly modelling convection within a very-large tropical domain compared with the nested LAM approach | Richard Jones |
| 1230-1330 | Lunch | |
| 1330-1500 | Breakout Session 2 | |
| 1500-1530 | Short Plenary: Reflections and new questions from the breakout group discussions so far | Participants |
| 1530-1600 | Coffee Break Moderator: Cathy Hohenegger | |
| 1600-1730 | Contributed Talks (12+3 min each) | |
| | Three-Dimensional Structure of Convectively Coupled Equatorial Waves in K-scale MPAS Aquaplanet Simulations | Rosimar Rios-Berrios |
| | Toward Process-Resolving Fully-Coupled Arctic Climate Modeling and Prediction | Mark Seefeldt |

Hydrometeorology and terrestrial hydrology across Alaska: a high-resolution coupled land-atmosphere modeling system Andrew Newman

Moving land models towards actionable science: A novel application and multi-objective optimization of the Community Terrestrial Systems Model across Alaska and the Yukon River Basin Yifan Cheng

A Hydroclimate Project over the United States, Integrating Ultra-High-Resolution Modeling and Observational Strategies to Create a Regional Digital Earth Timothy Schneider

Sub-seasonal Predictability of Rainfall over the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Hari Prasad Dasari

Wednesday, 5 October

Moderator: Andreas Prein

0700-0830

Online breakout session 1

0900-0945

Findings and insights from the DYAMOND project Tomoki Miyakawa

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| 0945-1030 | Progress and challenges around high-resolution Earth System Prediction | Steve Yeager |
| 1030-1100 | Coffee Break | |
| 1100-1145 | Modeling ice sheets at ultra-high resolution | Helene Seroussi (Virtual) |
| 1145-1245 | Contributed Talks (12+3 min each) | Participants |
| | The CORDEX perspective on the ultra-high resolution modeling | Silvina Solman (Virtual) |
| | Towards an energy consistent coupling of the height-based Model for Prediction Across Scales Atmosphere (MPAS-A) dynamical core with the pressure-based Community Atmosphere Model (CAM) physics packages | Peter Lauritzen |
| | Data Assimilation for Climate | Aneesh Subramanian |
| | RRTMGp _{xx} : a portable radiation code for ultra-high-resolution modeling | Benjamin Hillman |
| 1245-1345 | Lunch | |

1345-1500

Breakout Session 3

1500-1530

Short Plenary: Reflections and new questions from the breakout group discussions so far

Participants

1530-1600

Coffee Break

Moderator: Christian Jakob

1600-1730

Contributed talks (12+3 min each)

NASA GEOS-ECCO-MITgcm sub-10 kilometer coupled modeling, some early results and plans

Chris Hill

Progress towards global cloud-permitting greenhouse warming simulations

Sun-Seon Lee

Enhanced large-scale atmospheric circulation response to Gulf Stream SST anomalies in CAM6 simulations with 14-km-resolution regional refinement

Robert Jnglin-Wills

Development of a global km-scale atmospheric model for centennial scale simulations

Olivier Geoffroy

Analyses of added value for heavy rainfall and strong wind in convection-permitting climate simulations over Germany

Michael Haller

Improving Earth System Models via
Hierarchical System Development

Michael Ek

In parallel: Online Breakout Session 2

Thursday, 6 October

Moderator: Cath Senior

0700-0830

Online breakout session 3

0900-0945

Computational challenges and
opportunities for ultra-high resolution
modelling

Oliver Fuhrer
(Virtual)

0945-1030

Data challenges for ultra-high resolution
modelling

Milan Klöwer
(Virtual)

1030-1100

Coffee Break

1100-1145

AI (f)or high-resolution models ?

Laure Zanna
(Virtual)

1145-1215

Contributed Talks (12+3 min each)

EarthWorks: The Computational
Challenges of building an end-to-end,
GPU-enabled km-Scale Modeling System

Richard Loft

Addressing the Software Engineering
Challenges within the EarthWorks Project

Sheri Mickelson

1215-1315

Lunch

1315-1500

Breakout Session 4

Participants

1530-1600

Coffee Break

1600-1700

Breakout Group report preparations

Participants

Friday, 7 October

0900-1030

Breakout group reports

Chairs and
Rapporteurs

1030-1100

Coffee break

1100-1230

Workshop synthesis and wrap up

Christian Jakob,
Andrew
Gettelman, Cath
Senior

1400-1700

Workshop report outlining session

By invitation

